

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Action/Discussion Item:**

702 KAR 5:110, Vocational pupils, reimbursement for (Final)

#### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 156.070, 157.370(8)

#### **Action Question:**

Should the Kentucky Board of Education give final approval to 702 KAR 5:110?

#### **History/Background:**

***Existing Policy.*** KRS 157.370(8) requires a local board of education to be reimbursed separately for the cost of transporting pupils from a parent school to a vocational-technical school or to a vocational education center, and requires the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate an administrative regulation establishing the reimbursement amount.

This administrative regulation establishes the reimbursement requirements and limitations for those districts that transport secondary school pupils. An application showing anticipated transportation of pupils to a vocational school for which reimbursement is to be claimed is submitted to the Office of District Support Services (ODSS) for approval on or before October 1 of the current school year. A request for reimbursement for actual transportation to a vocational school is made on an annual basis on or before June 30 of the current school year to the ODSS in the Kentucky Department of Education.

Staff is recommending that the KBE approve changes to the regulation to require that districts submit only the June 30 request for reimbursement based on actual transportation for vocational students, rather than submitting two separate requests. The regulation was reviewed in April and is now coming forward for final approval. No substantive changes have been made since the April meeting.

#### **Staff Recommendations/Rationale:**

Staff recommends that the KBE approve the amendment to the regulation to require that districts submit only the June 30 request for reimbursement based on actual transportation for vocational students. This will assist school districts by reducing paperwork and staff time spent reporting to KDE.

**Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:**

The Local Superintendents Advisory Council supports this amendment to the regulation. A letter from that group will be forwarded to the board prior to the June meeting.

**Impact on Getting to Proficiency:**

This action will reduce a paperwork burden on school districts and also result in data submission only once per year online, rather than twice per year on paper as exists now.

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